

WASHINGTON, DC - US Rep. Linda Sánchez (D-CA) introduced a congressional resolution today that will declare Feb. 2-6, 2009 "National School Counseling Week" to honor the important role school counselors play in the lives of students across the country.

"School counselors provide a unique contribution by helping students not only reach their academic potential, but also realize personal, social and career growth," said Rep. Linda Sánchez. "I hope to see National School Counseling Week recognized in my home state of California and across the country as we take the time to thank and honor the valuable work of school counselors."

The bipartisan resolution, introduced along with Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-MI), recognizes that school counselors have been integral in efforts to reduce student drop-out rates by helping identify and address problems early in a student's career. The American School Counselor Association also endorsed this important resolution.

This effort comes as a part of Rep. Sánchez' drive to make schools safer, provide additional counseling and student support in low-income schools, and to improve school environments for personal growth and academic achievement.